STRATEGY

NINTENDO POWER

GUIDE

MARIOKART

BOWSER'S CHALLENGE

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MAXIMUM COIN STRATEGY

1. **Get the Start Coin Bonus**

   Hit the trigger (fire shells) and hold it when the countdown says "2". You will start the race with 5 bonus coins.

2. **Turn and Drift**

   Make sure you hit each turn as early as possible and hold the turn until you stop hearing coins. You can get a maximum of 5 coins for each turn – it's possible to get over 100 coins without firing a single shell.

3. **Save your shells for Koopalings**

   All enemies are worth 1 coin except Koopalings, which are worth 1 on the first hit, 2 on the second hit, and 3 on the third hit (after the third hit they spin out). Wait until you have a clear shot on a Koopaling, and then rapid fire hit the same one 3 times in a row for maximum coins.

Pokey is worth multiple coins if you hit the head and destroy the whole body at once. Otherwise, he's worth one coin per body segment you hit.

4. Lava Bowser

If you have an excess of shells at the end of the course, you can fire them at Lava Bowser. Each shell is worth only 1 coin, but it's an unmissable target. Just be sure to stop firing when his death animation starts to play - you won't get coins for those.
You'll get a lot more shells at the start of Rainbow Road to use on the Koopalings + final Bowser, so feel free to unload.

WHEN TO RIDE

DO

- Go on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
- Go January-April
- Go in the afternoon/evening
- Ride Single Rider if it is open *and* you *cannot see* the Single Rider line

If you can see people waiting here, the wait for Single Rider is > 30 minutes

- Use the regular line if it is 40 minutes or less and single rider is either closed or visible

DON'T

- Go on holidays or weekends
- Go in the morning unless you are trying for a Daily Top 10 or have the Early Access Ticket. Everybody starts their day at Nintendo World - the ride lines will usually get shorter as the day goes on.

FYI

- The minimum wait time for the regular line is 20 minutes, even when the line is empty, due to the length of the queue, the pre-shows, and the way they load you in room by room.
- The minimum wait time for the single rider line is 5 minutes, because you skip the majority of the queue and the preshows.
- When the Single Rider line gets long enough, it can be a longer wait than the regular line (due to it moving inconsistently and one person at a time). If you can see people waiting in the single rider queue outside, you could be waiting 40-90 minutes.

MARIO KART STAMP GUIDE

Just ride Mario Kart 5 times and you'll earn both these stamps, no matter how well you do!

Mario Kart
First Place
Finish in 1st place on Mario Kart.
This stamp can be earned only once.
100
Earned on: 2023/10/23 12:16
Mario Kart
Trophy Hunter
Finish in 1st place 2 times on Mario Kart.
This stamp can be earned only once.
125
Earned on: 2023/10/23 12:16
Mario Kart
Pro Racer
Finish in 1st place 5 times on Mario Kart.
This stamp can be earned only once.
150
Earned on: 2023/10/23 11:17

To finish in 1st place, the average player score across both karts must be at least 100 coins. Usually pretty easy! Ride with friends, win, repeat x5 times.

Mario Kart
Top Kart
Get the highest individual coin score in your kart on Mario Kart.
This stamp is repeatable.
125
You have earned the stamp 21 times.
Earned on: 2023/12/18 18:24
Mario Kart
Top Racer
Get the highest individual coin score between the two Mario Karts in the race.
This stamp is repeatable.
250
You have earned the stamp 20 times.
Earned on: 2023/12/18 18:24

Most strangers are riding for the first time - chances are if you ride in the single rider line, you'll get the top score in both karts.

BONUS - these stamps are repeatable and valuable. If you can get this every time, that's 375 extra coins per ride towards your 100,000 coin stamp.

Should be easily doable in 5-10 rides. Follow the MAXIMUM COIN STRATEGY at the top of the guide to get through this quick. Spam Single Rider line (on a slow day) for quick coin collection!

Mario Kart
Pocket Change
Collect 100 or more coins in a single ride on Mario Kart.
This stamp is repeatable.
25
You have earned the stamp 21 times.
Earned on: 2023/12/18 18:24
Mario Kart
Perfectionist
Collect 200 or more coins in a single ride on Mario Kart.
This stamp is repeatable.
125
You have earned the stamp 8 times.
Earned on: 2023/10/23 12:16

Follow the MAXIMUM COIN STRATEGY from the top of the guide to complete. BONUS: These stamps are repeatable, so every time you get over 200 coins that's a bonus 150 coins towards your all time total.

Mario Kart
Drift Apprentice
Successfully drift at least 12 turns in a single ride.
This stamp can be earned only once.
45
Earned on: 2023/12/18 18:24
Mario Kart
Drifter
Successfully drift and achieve the maximum number of coins for three turns in a row.
This stamp can be earned only once.
45
You have earned the stamp 20 times.
Earned on: 2023/12/18 18:24
Mario Kart
Drift Master
Successfully drift each turn in the ride.
This stamp can be earned only once.
45
Earned on: 2023/10/23 12:16

When the arrows come up, turn the wheel and hold the turn until you stop hearing the sound of coins (you should hear five if you timed it right).

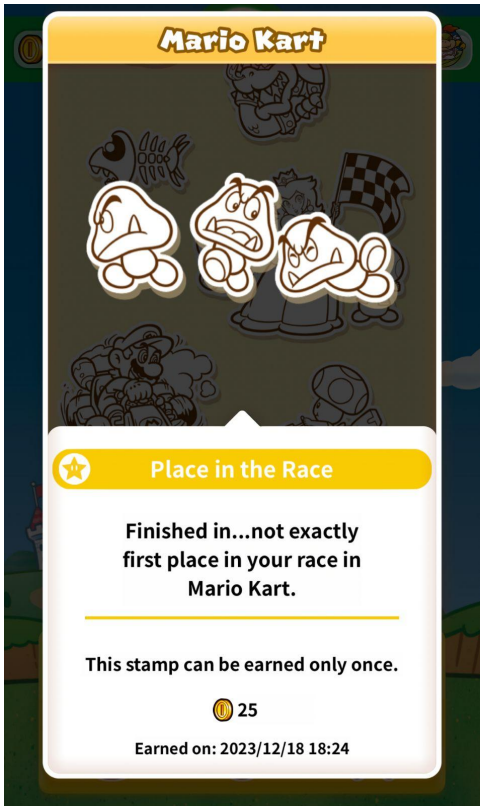
If you turn the wheel before the arrows come up, it still counts (provided you turned the wheel in the right direction). You can watch the road/track ahead to get an early start on your turns.

Take a game to focus exclusively on turning and drifting. It's also good practice for getting your overall score up – it should be possible to get over 100 coins from drifting alone. On a turn-focused run, you can always fire your arsenal of shells at Lava Bowser at the end of the run, just before Rainbow Road.

Mario Kart
Start Coin Bonus
Get the Start Coin bonus at the starting line in Mario Kart.
This stamp is repeatable.
65
You have earned the stamp 16 times.
Earned on: 2023/12/18 18:24

Hit the trigger right when the number 2 comes on screen during the initial race countdown.

This should be familiar to any Mario Kart players - instead of a speed boost, you will get 5 extra coins in-game, plus this repeatable stamp (with a bonus of 65 coins for your all-time score).


Mario Kart
Place in the Race
Finished in...not exactly first place in your race in Mario Kart.
This stamp can be earned only once.
25
Earned on: 2023/12/18 18:24

Finish the race with a player average of less than 100 coins. Pretty easy to do if you play with little kids or older folks.

If you want to earn this stamp without ruining a child's day, ride with your friends and agree ahead of time not to fire any shells. This is a great opportunity to take the visors off and experience the ride without AR - which is a very cool and totally different experience!

Mario Kart
Mega Fish Bone
Hit Mega Fish Bone with a shell 20 times total on Mario Kart.
This stamp can be earned only once.
100
Earned on: 2023/10/23 11:17
Mario Kart
Cheep Shot
Defeat 5 Cheep Cheeps total on Mario Kart.
This stamp can be earned only once.
25
Earned on: 2023/12/05 16:50
Mario Kart
Lava Bowser
Hit Lava Bowser with a shell 20 times total on Mario Kart.
This stamp can be earned only once.
100
Earned on: 2023/12/18 18:24
Mario Kart
Koopa Krunch
Defeat 5 Koopa Paratroopas total on Mario Kart.
This stamp can be earned only once.
25
Earned on: 2023/12/05 16:51
Mario Kart
Boo Who?
Defeat 5 Boos total on Mario Kart.
This stamp can be earned only once.
25
Earned on: 2023/04/27 11:22

These are self explanatory. These enemies are not worth a lot of coins, but you'll need to hit them anyway to earn these stamps. Progress is saved between rides, so you don't need to get all your hits in one ride through.

Toughest of these is probably the Koopa Paratroopas, because there are very few of them and you need to hit them before anyone else in your kart does. If anyone in your kart hits an enemy even once, they disappear for all of you.

Mario Kart
Bowser Bruiser
Hit Bowser with a shell 10 times total on Mario Kart.
This stamp can be earned only once.
65
Earned on: 2023/12/18 18:24
Mario Kart
Bowser Buster
Hit Bowser with a shell 25 times total on Mario Kart.
This stamp can be earned only once.
100
Earned on: 2023/12/18 18:24

Bowser appears three times during the ride/game: the underwater stage, just before Lava Bowser, and at the end of Rainbow Road.

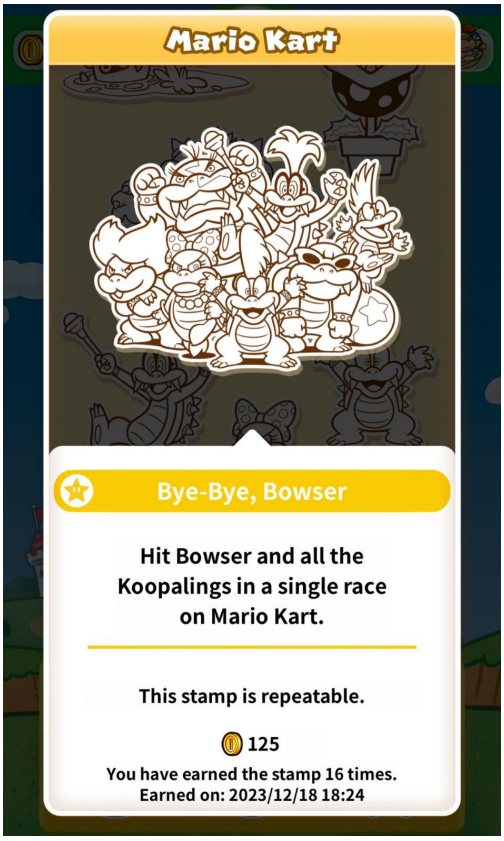
At the end of Rainbow Road he has the invincibility star, so wait until it wears off before throwing your shells at him.

These stamps are cumulative, so it shouldn't be too difficult to earn them with multiple ride throughs. Every hit counts.

Be selective about your targets. Don't waste shells on anyone but Koopalings and Lava Bowser – and only take the shot if you're sure you can hit.

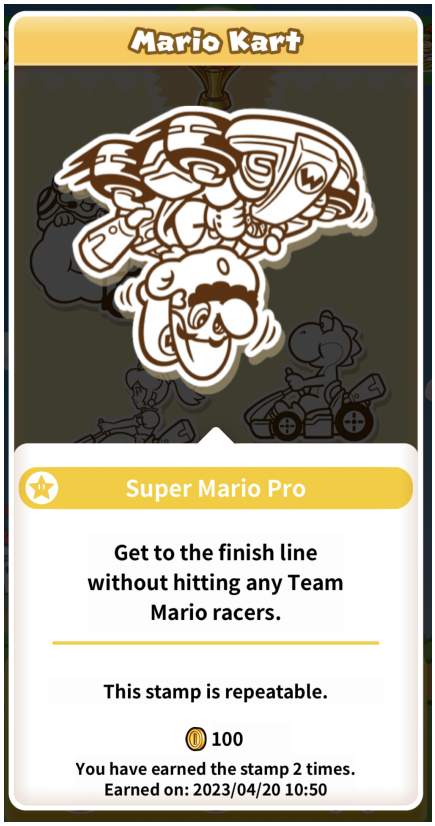
Remember: Koopalings can be hit 3 times before they disappear, but it counts if *anyone* in your kart hits them – not just you. Regular enemies can be hit only once, which makes it riskier when you and one of your teammates go for the same target.

Remember: Lava Bowser can take a lot of hits, but you need to stop firing before his death animation plays or you will break your streak.


Mario Kart
Bye-Bye, Bowser
Hit Bowser and all the Koopalings in a single race on Mario Kart.
This stamp is repeatable.
125
You have earned the stamp 16 times.
Earned on: 2023/12/18 18:24

Easier than it sounds. If you focus all your shells on Koopalings and Bowser, instead of on Fish Bones, Boos, or any of the other distractions, you should be able to achieve this pretty easily. The biggest challenge to this stamp is that your shells are limited and there are a lot of things you can fire at – just save your shells for where it counts.

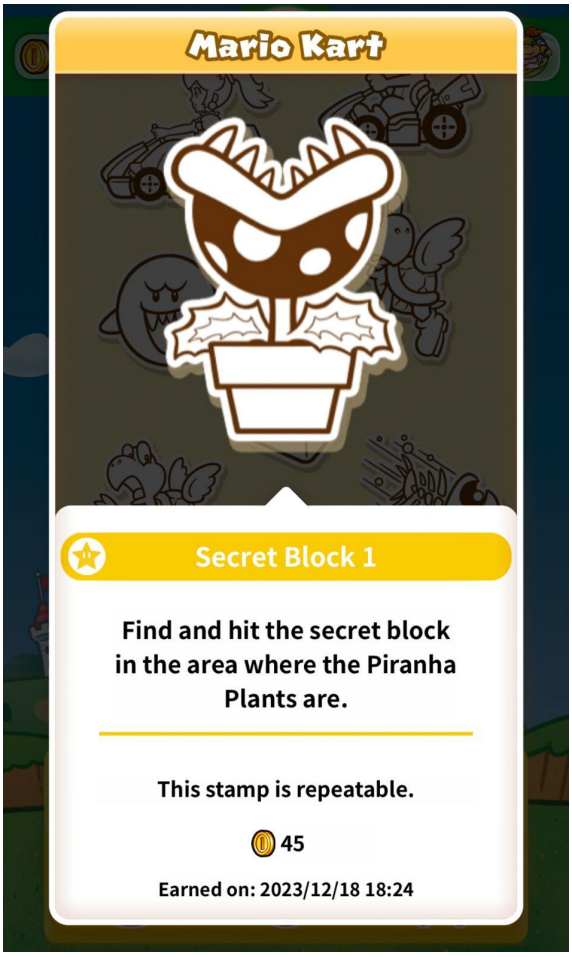
At the beginning of Rainbow Road, all of the Koopas will appear and you'll have the ability to unleash shell on all of them – and you'll have a chance to hit Bowser once they're gone. If you're really trying for this badge, don't fire any shells at Lava Bowser – save them all for Rainbow Road, so you have an advantage over your teammates.


Mario Kart
Super Mario Pro
Get to the finish line without hitting any Team Mario racers.
This stamp is repeatable.
100
You have earned the stamp 2 times.
Earned on: 2023/04/20 10:50

Harder than it sounds! Even if you're being very selective with your targets, you never know when a Team Mario racer is going to suddenly jump in front of you.

The easiest way to get this stamp is just to not fire any shells at all (or fire them only at surefire targets, like Lava Bowser). It might be a good idea to try to get this stamp at the same time as "Place in the Race", where you lose to Team Bowser.

It might also be a good opportunity to do a ride through with your visor off – the ride is a very different experience without the AR, and you don't need AR to get this stamp.


Mario Kart
Secret Block 1
Find and hit the secret block in the area where the Piranha Plants are.
This stamp is repeatable.
45
Earned on: 2023/12/18 18:24

Right after you get your first shells, you'll enter a room full of Piranha Plants. Look over your shoulder – the secret block will be to your left and a little above you very early in the room.

At one point your kart will be hit by a fireball and you will spin, at which point you'll get a clear view of the block – but you'll be closer to the block and have an easier shot right after you first enter the room.

NOTE #1: Only one player in each kart can hit the secret block. If one of your teammates hits the block before you, you won't be able to hit it on that ride. If you and your friends are going for Secret Block stamps, ride Single Rider.

NOTE #2: The secret blocks only appear to players who have scanned their wristbands. If you're not sure whether your scan went through, look for the secret blocks. If you can see them, your PowerUp Band scanned correctly.

Mario Kart
Secret Block 2
Find and hit the secret block in the underwater area where the Cheep Cheeps are.
This stamp is repeatable.
45
You have earned the stamp 14 times.
Earned on: 2023/12/05 16:50

Right as the scene transitions from Piranha Plants to underwater, as the Cheep Cheeps are coming towards you, look up. If you are on the right track, the secret block should be just above your head. If you are on the left track, you may need to look over to the right.

Mario Kart
Secret Block 3
Find and hit the secret block in the area near the school of Fish Bones.
This stamp is repeatable.
45
You have earned the stamp 9 times.
Earned on: 2023/12/18 18:24

During the scene with the Giant Fish Bone (and a bunch of little Fish Bones), look up and to the left. You should see the Secret Block.

This one is a little far, but since you don't move much during this scene it shouldn't be hard to hit.

Mario Kart
Secret Block 4
Find and hit the secret block inside the haunted mansion where the Boos are.
This stamp is repeatable.
45
Earned on: 2023/02/07 11:24

Right as you are entering the haunted mansion, when King Boo appears, look up. You should see it ahead of you.

You might get another chance to hit it when the Magikoopas hit you and you spin around. At that point it'll be up and to the right of you - but you'll be spinning, so it's a tougher shot.

Mario Kart
Secret Block 5
Find and hit the secret block in the clouds where the Koopa Paratroopas are.
This stamp is repeatable.
45
You have earned the stamp 10 times.
Earned on: 2023/12/05 16:50

As you enter the cloud area, the right and left tracks will split at a fork in the road. The Secret Block should be between the two tracks, hovering above the fork.

It shouldn't be too far away (depending on which track you are on), but you won't have very long to hit it before you turn the corner and it disappears.

Mario Kart
Secret Block 6
Find and hit the secret block hidden in the volcanic area where Lava Bowser appears.
This stamp is repeatable.
45
You have earned the stamp 7 times.
Earned on: 2023/12/18 18:24

While everyone is firing at Lava Bowser, look up and to the right. You should be able to spot the Secret Block. It's not very close, but you won't be moving very much during this scene so it should be easy to hit.

NOTE: Secret Block stamps are repeatable, so in theory you can add 270 coins to your all time Mario World score by hitting all 6 secret blocks each time you ride. Secret Blocks won't help your Mario Kart game score, however.

Mario Kart
Secret Block Collector
Find and hit all of the secret blocks on the Mario Kart course.
This stamp can be earned only once.
125
Earned on: 2023/02/07 11:34

Once you have hit every Secret Block, you will unlock this stamp. You do not need to hit every Secret Block on a single ride – it is cumulative.

Secret Block stamps are repeatable, but the Secret Block Collector stamp is not.